

Reporting by Large Multiunit Establishments.

- Activities of the Office of Chief Economist.
- Develop Recommendations and Special Interest Activities.
- Closing Session.

The meeting is open to the public, and a brief period is set aside, during the closing session, for public comment and questions. Those persons with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing to the Census Bureau Committee Liaison Officer. Individuals wishing additional information or minutes regarding this meeting may contact the Officer as well. Her address and phone number are identified above.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should also be directed to the Committee Liaison Officer.

Dated: September 15, 1998.

James F. Holmes,

Acting Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Cornell University; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 98-035. **Applicant:** Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853. **Instrument:** Scanning Tunneling Microscope, Model JAFM-4500XT. **Manufacturer:** JEOL Ltd., Japan. **Intended Use:** See notice at 63 FR 40473, July 29, 1998.

Comments: None received. **Decision:** Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. **Reasons:** The foreign instrument provides: (1) operation at temperatures to 500°C and (2) measurement of the motion of the cantilever tip in the plane of the sample (frictional interaction). A domestic manufacturer of similar equipment advised August 28, 1998 that

(1) these capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

Gerald A. Zerdy,

Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 98-043. **Applicant:** University of Pennsylvania, Electron Microscopy Core Laboratory, B-110 Richards Building, 36th and Hamilton, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6085.

Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model JEM-1010. **Manufacturer:** JEOL, Ltd., Japan. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used to study the effects of various agents or disease conditions on cellular morphology determined by routine ultrastructural analysis. In addition, the instrument will be used to teach the techniques of electron microscopy and ultrastructural analysis to graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty members.

Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: August 28, 1998.

Docket Number: 98-044. **Applicant:** University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology, 501 North Columbia Road, Box 9037,

Grand Forks, ND 58202. **Instrument:** Electron Microscope, Model H-7500. **Manufacturer:** Hitachi, Japan. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used for biological studies including observations of normal and diabetic human eye and kidney tissues, laboratory animal central nervous system tissues and scleral tissues from the posterior portion of the eye globe in newborn chicks. In addition, the instrument will be used in the training of undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students in the use of transmission electron microscopy for biological research. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** August 28, 1998.

Gerald A. Zerdy,

Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081398A]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Retention of Species on Candidate Species List Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of retention of Atlantic sturgeon on list of candidate species.

SUMMARY: NMFS retains Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*) on its list of candidate species. In a notice published today in the **Federal Register**, NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Services) found that listing Atlantic sturgeon under the ESA is not warranted at this time. The finding summarizes the Services' concerns regarding the species. NMFS encourages Federal agencies and other appropriate parties to take Atlantic sturgeon into account in project planning.

DATES: September 15, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marta Nammack or Terri Jordan at (301) 713-1401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a separate **Federal Register** document published today, the Services find that listing Atlantic sturgeon in the United States as a threatened or endangered species is not warranted at this time. The finding also summarizes the

Services' concerns regarding the species. NMFS will retain Atlantic sturgeon on its list of candidate species in order to continue to monitor the species' status.

The candidate species list serves to notify the public that NMFS has concerns regarding these species/vertebrate populations that may warrant listing it as a threatened or endangered species in the future, and it facilitates voluntary conservation efforts. NMFS believes it is important to highlight candidate species so that Federal and state agencies, Native American tribes, and the private sector are aware of which species could benefit from proactive conservation efforts and to take these species into account in project planning.

Dated: September 15, 1998.

Patricia A. Montanio,
Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081998D]

Marine Mammals

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that LGL Limited, environmental research associates, 22 Fisher Street, P.O. Box

280, King City, Ontario, Canada L7B 1A6, has been issued a permit to take bowhead whales (*Balaena mysticetus*), ringed seals (*Phoca hispida*), bearded seals (*Erignathus barbatus*) and beluga whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, 709 W. 9th Street, Federal Building, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, Alaska 99802 (907/586-7012).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 17, 1998, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 38557) that a request for a scientific research permit to take bowhead whales, ringed seals, bearded seals, and beluga whales had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR Part 216), the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the

endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: August 24, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,
Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 98-52]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Assistance Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of P.L. 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSAA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 98-52, with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: September 15, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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